

vote of 221 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 81. Consideration of the bill began yesterday, March 29th.

Pages H1326–34, H1335–63

Agreed to:

Biggert amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) allows unaccompanied homeless youth to be considered as independent students upon verification of their living situation by a McKinney-Vento Act school district liaison, a shelter director, or a financial aid administrator;

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Larsen of Washington amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) expresses the sense of Congress that student exchange and language education programs should focus on Chinese and Arabic, in light of the global importance of China and the Middle East;

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Souder amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) removes language in the bill that prohibits schools from denying transfers of credit based solely on the accreditation of the sending institution. The amendment maintains the requirement that schools publicly disclose their transfer policies, and would also require a school to disclose any policy that would deny transfers of credit solely on the accreditation of the institution where the credit was earned;

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Gohmert amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) strikes certain reporting requirements for colleges and universities within Sec. 131(f). The amendment also strikes Sec. 495(a)(1) that would allow states to apply to the Secretary of Education to become recognized accreditors (by a recorded vote of 418 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 77); and

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Kennedy of Rhode Island amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) makes child and adolescent mental health professionals eligible for loan forgiveness for high need professions under Sec. 421 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 380 ayes to 38 noes, Roll No. 78).

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Rejected:

King of Iowa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) that sought to require institutions that receive any federal funding (including grants and scholarships) to submit to the U.S. Department of Education an annual report answering two questions. First, the report must state whether race, color, or national origin is considered in the student admissions process. If race, color, or nation origin is considered in the student admissions process, then the report must contain a subsequent analysis of how these factors are considered in the process (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 79); and

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Miller of California amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–401) in the nature of a substitute that

sought to lower student loan interest rates; establish a new Predominantly Black Serving Institution program to boost college participation rates of low-income, black students; establish a new graduate Hispanic Serving Institution program; provide for year-round Pell grants; and repeal the Single Lender rule (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 80).

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Committee of the Whole proceeded with a pro forma amendment for the purposes of an additional 10 minutes of debate.

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H. Res. 742, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 75, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 5, 2006.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3rd, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, for Morning Hour debate.

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Congressional Award Board—appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Chocoma.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H1363–64.

Senate Referrals: S. 2349 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1331–34, H1334–35, H1360, H1361, H1361–62, H1362 and H1363. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review the Rural Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Mark Drabenstott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank,

Kansas City, Missouri; Cheryl L. Cook, Deputy Secretary, Marketing and Economic Development, Department of Agriculture, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Merle D. Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Avian Influenza. Testimony was heard from Bruce Gillen, MD., Director, National Vaccine Program, and Jesse Goodman, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, both with the Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of the USDA: Mike Johanns, Secretary; Ron DeHaven, M.D., Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Navy/MC Budget/Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald C. Winter, Secretary, ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on OMB. Testimony was heard from Joel Kaplan, Deputy Director, OMB.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administrator for National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Preparedness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: George Foresman, Under Secretary, Directorate of Preparedness; and Tracey Henke, Assistant Secretary, Office of Grants and Training.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Native American Issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, NASA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on FTC. Testimony was heard from Deborah P. Majoras, Chairman, FTC.

NAVY SHIPBUILDING AND ACQUISITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Department of the Navy's Fiscal Year 2007 shipbuilding acquisition strategy and how it supports the Navy's long-range fleet plan. Testimony was heard from Paul L.

Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; the following officials of the CBO: J. Michael Gilmore, Assistant Director; and Eric J. Labs, Principal Analyst, both with the National Security Division; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; VADM Lewis W. Crenshaw, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments (N8); LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development; RADM David Architzel, USN, Program Executive Officer for Carriers; RADM Charles S. Hamilton II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships; and RADM William H. Hilarides, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines, all with the Naval Sea Systems Command; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

ARMY/MARINE CORPS EQUIPMENT AND ROTOCRAFT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a joint hearing on Army and Marine Corps reset strategies for ground equipment and rotorcraft. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG David F. Melcher, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, U.S. Army; MG Jeanette K. Edmunds, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army; and LTG Emersonardner, Jr., Deputy Commander of the Marine Corps, Programs and Resources, U.S. Marine Corps; and William Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO.

COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HUD

Committee on Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2007. Testimony was heard from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building"; HR. 4561, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8624 Ferguson Road in Dallas, Texas, as the "Francisco 'Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building"; H.R. 4586, Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act of 2005; H.R. 4646, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building"; H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building"; H.R. 4995, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Columbus Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York, as the "Ronald Bucca Post Office"; H.R. 518, Honoring professional surveyors and recognizing their contributions to society; and H. Res. 737, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month.

DISASTER RESPONSE INFORMATION-SHARING

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Need To Know: Information-Sharing Lessons for Disaster Response." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter F. Verga, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense; and Linton Wells II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information Integration; Vance Hitch, Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—AIRLINE PASSENGER PRESCREENING WATCHLIST

Committee on Homeland Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Transportation Security Administration airline passenger prescreening watchlist. The Committee was briefed by Donna Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening, FBI, Department of Justice; and Michael Resnick, Chief, Terrorist Identities Group, National Counter Terrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full committee action, as amended, H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act.

SHOULDER-FIRED MISSILES TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on The Terrorist Threat From Shoulder-Fired Missiles. Testimony was heard from John Hillen, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

LATIN AMERICA COUNTERNARCOTICS STRATEGIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Counternarcotics Strategies in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Michael A. Braun, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the 10th anniversary of the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; John V. Sullivan, Parliamentarian, U.S. House of Representatives; and a public witness.

DEATH PENALTY REFORM ACT OF 2006

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 5040, Death Penalty Reform Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Margaret P. Griffey, Chief, Capital Case Unit, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WORK VISA INCREASES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on Should Congress Raise the H-1B Cap? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2134, Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005; H.R. 3961, To authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at Grand Canyon

National Park; and H.R. 4294, Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Becerra, Ros-Lehtinen, Renzi, and Porter; Michael Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shays, Buyer, Kirk, Schmidt, Obey, Frank of Massachusetts, Cardin, Price of North Carolina, Meehan, Blumenauer, Doggett, Allen, Baird, Emanuel, and Bean.

K-12 SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on K-12 Science and Math Education Across the Federal Agencies. Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; Arden Bement, Director, NSF; John J. Kelly, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and James Decker, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

SBA PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held an oversight hearing on the procurement assistance programs of the SBA. Testimony was heard from Anthony Martoccia, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; GSA'S FY 2007 CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: GSA's Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; H. Con. Res. 360, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 359, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and H. Con. Res. 349, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Investment and Leasing Program. Testimony was heard from David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

OVERSIGHT—BARRIERS TO CLEANUP OF ABANDONED MINE SITES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Barriers to the Cleanup of Abandoned Mine Sites. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY/AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on policy and operational issues facing Arlington National Cemetery and the American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from John C. Metzler, Jr., Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; and John W. Nicholson, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HIGH-RISK ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Social Security number (SSN) high-risk issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dreier and Reyes; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Joel Winston, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protec-

tion, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5020, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 31, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Uttam Dhillon, of California, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the call to censure the President, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "The Silicosis Story: Mass Tort Screening and the Public Health," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.